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### **Governor, Commissioner Commend Technology Company for Contributing Equipment and Services to Schools**

Governor Christie Whitman and Commissioner of Education David Hespe praised a technology services company for contributing more than \$1 million in computer networking equipment and services to six New Jersey school districts.

Cabletron Systems presented the equipment and services to the Folsom, Garfield, Guttenberg, Riverton, Stanhope and Hillside school districts as part of its nationwide program to ensure that all students have opportunities to learn about and use computers and the Internet.

Governor Whitman said, "I am delighted that Cabletron Systems has decided to kick off the millennium with a corporate donation that will benefit six school districts in New Jersey. Providing over \$1.1 million in computer networking equipment and services to elementary and secondary schools translates into even more high-tech opportunities for our youngsters - the leaders of tomorrow. Efforts by private sector leaders, like Cabletron, contribute so much now into making our state such a great place to live, work and raise a family."

Commissioner Hespe agreed with the Governor. "I understand that this is not a one-time contribution to these districts," the Commissioner said. "Cabletron said it is committed to a long-term partnership with the state's school districts."

Wendy Rayner, New Jersey's Chief Information Officer, said, "New Jersey has an ambitious technology agenda. This public / private partnership to wire six of our schools is a very important part of our plans to strengthen our children's education by bringing the internet and educational programs into the classroom."

Cabletron, a computer network hardware supplier, made the contributions as part of "Project Connect," a national initiative it announced last year. The six New Jersey school districts will receive local area network hardware, personal computers, racks and cables.